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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO U.S. CITIZEN

REF: STATE 008918

1. I AM ACQUAINTED WITH THE CASE OF KATERINA ANTHONY, 79-YEAR-OLD WIDOW OF SAMUEL ANTHONY OF LEONARISSO, CYPRUS. I UNDERSTAND THAT MRS ANTHONY HAS BEEN PARALYZED AND BEDRIDDEN FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS, AND, FOLLOWING HER HUSBAND'S SUDDEN DEATH ON DECEMBER 19, SHE HAS BEEN IN THE CARE OF A NIECE IN THE VILLAGE. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT A DOCTOR SEES MRS ANTHONY ON HIS TWICE-WEEKLY CALLS AT LEONARISSO.

2. OUR CONSULAR OFFICER WILL VISIT MRS ANTHONY ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, TO CHECK ON HER CONDITION AND TO ASCERTAIN HER WISHES ABOUT LEAVING THE TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA. WE WILL ALSO EXPLORE THE ADVISABILITY, FROM A MEDICAL POINT OF VIEW, OF TRANSFERRING MRS ANTHONY TO THE SOUTH AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A CARRIER WOULD TRANSPORT HER TO THE UNITED STATES. CONSULAR OFFICER HAS ARRANGED TO TELEPHONE MARIA SOTIROPOLIS TO DISCUSS THE OUTCOME TO THE UPCOMING VISIT, AND WE WILL KEEP HER INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

3. IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT MRS ANTHONY WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO LEAVE HER HOME UNLESS ACCOMPANIED AND REASSURED BY A CLOSE RELATIVE. IN OUR VIEW, PERMISSION

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FOR MARIA SOTIROPOLIS TO ENTER THE TURKISH CONTROLLED

AREA AND TO TRAVEL TO LEONARISSE VILLAGE IS HIGHLY
PROBLEMATIC. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW MORE ON THIS
FOLLOWING CONSULAR OFFICER'S VISIT JANUARY 16.

4. REGARDING DISINTERMENT OF SAMUEL ANTHONY REMAINS,
THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS PERMITS EXHUMATION ONLY
AFTER LAPSE OF FIVE YEARS. ASSUME TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES
ABIDE BY SAME REGULATION, BUT WE WILL TRY TO VERIFY THIS.
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